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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: David G. WHITTEN et al.      ART UNIT: 1641  
SERIAL NO.: NEW U.S. DIVISION APPLICATION      EXAMINER: Gary W. Counts  
FILING DATE: HERewith  
FOR: IMPROVEMENTS TO THE FLUORESCENT POLYMER-QTL APPROACH  
TO BIOSENSING

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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SIR:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows: